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INSIDE: HALIBURTON HOME & COTTAGE SHOW PULL-OUT SECTION

Photo by Sue Tiffin

16-month-old Michael Dillane showed no fear when he learned how to use a fire engine hose like his new hero. Minden firefighter Geoff Bunn. See story on page 24.

Chemical spill near Loon Lake

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Highlands East resident Albert Saxby doesn't believe the municipality did everything in its power to protect the natural environment near his home following a recent spill of hydraulic fluid on Highway 118.

"I understand that accidents happen... I don't have a problem with that, but I do believe the ball was dropped on this and that the proper steps should have been taken to clean this up," said Saxby, who lives near Loon Lake.

The spill was caused by a blown hydraulic hose on a municipally-owned snowplow and dump truck.

According to Michael Longpre, senior environmental officer with the Ministry of Environment (MOE), the spill was reported to the MOE's Spills Action Centre on the evening of May 13. He visited the affected area on May 20 with an employee from the municipality "to confirm the extent of the contamination."

"The spill of hydraulic oil was 2.3 kilometres of the surface of the road of the eastbound land of Highway 118," said Longpre in an email. "I did not observe or detect any residual oil contamination in any surface water adjacent to the spill area."

Saxby, however, believes the fluid made its way to nearby puddles and a pond by his home. He took photos along the highway a couple of days after the spill, which appear to show an oily residue on the road as well as the shoulder.

Longpre said the spill was reported "as a mist of fluid that was released to the road surface."

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This photo appears to show an oily substance on the road and shoulder of Highway 118.

Highlands East looking into hydraulic fluid spill

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"The road authority managed the cleanup of the oil by applying sand to the road surface to absorb the oil and minimize any road hazards," he said. "The sand is swept up and disposed of at a waste disposal site. In this case, torrential rains prevented the sand from being swept up from the road surface and spread the material to the road shoulder."

Sharon Stoughton-Craig, the CAO and treasurer for Highlands East, said although it is unknown when exactly the spill occurred, municipal employees handled the incident "appropriately and effectively."

"The spill was an accident and once discovered, all appropriate steps were taken to control the situation," she said. Stoughton-Craig was the one who contacted the Spills Action Centre and they obtained the details found in a report prepared by Earl Covert, roads superintendent for the municipality.

"The spill was reported to the Ministry of Environment as per the road superintendent's interpretation of the incident and in accordance with Section 6(1) of O. Reg 675/98," she said.

Based on his "observations of the residual contamination left at the scene," Longpre didn't think that the spill would pose a significant environmental impact to the surrounding environment.

As a result of the spill, the municipality has engaged the services of a consulting firm to conduct further tests in the area.

"The municipality retained a consulting firm immediately to conduct soil sampling in conjunction with the ministry's direction. It is expected that the consultant's report will be available shortly," said Stoughton-Craig.

That report will determine the extent of the contamination and if any remediation is required, said Longpre. It will also be submitted to the ministry upon completion.

Stoughton-Craig added that municipal staff are currently working with municipal consultants who have experience dealing with "spills of this nature."

"It is expected that a spills policy will be developed for use by all departments within the municipality as a result of this incident," she said.

While that may be good news to some, Saxby is still not satisfied with how the matter was handled.

"Highlands East did nothing about the spill except let it wash away," he said. "I believe it was my call to the Ministry of Environment that made it so they had to deal with it. I'm actually shocked that in this day and age a municipality would not have considered having a spills policy in place and I am disturbed that they would think that letting that amount of oil just run into the ditches and watershed was okay."





Highlander news

Forest owner takes shot at Fearrey

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Peter Schleifenbaum

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

The Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve's owner and manager, Peter Schleifenbaum, says Dysart et al is a hostile environment for economic development and business.

During the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) spring meeting on May 17, Schleifenbaum took the floor after Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey had addressed the crowd, to talk about economic development and to call for the reeve to step back and let someone new take over the municipality.

"Kennisis Lake, those are my neighbours," he told The Highlander. "They are always happy to hear about the great things we do [at the Forest], but those are all things that happen despite Murray Fearrey, who's been the leader in Haliburton for the last 40 years."

Schleifenbaum said in the late 1980s, he had four employees at the Forest. Today he's up to almost 100.

"We did experience a lot of growth, but that didn't happen because of the municipality. It happened despite the municipality."

Over the years, the Forest has received

stop-work orders, fought against bylaws that would negatively impact its business, and needed to call in the Ministry of Labour to intervene on the Forest's behalf to get work going again at their sawmill, Schleifenbaum said.

"Everything we did, they [Dysart et al] obstructed and disabled what we wanted to do."

"I'm just utterly frustrated," he said. "At this point, I feel I need to speak out and share my experiences which have been really unhappy ones."

But Reeve Fearrey says that Schleifenbaum's claims about the municipality's hostility towards business are not fair.

"Council is very open," he said.
"People can come at any time to make delegations."

While he admits that nobody likes codes and regulations, the building code, for example, is provincial and has been placed on the municipalities to enforce.

"Everybody dislikes regulations," he said.

"That's a fair statement. Nobody likes making them either. Unfortunately there are public processes and that's how these things evolve."

Fearrey said Dysart et al isn't as restrictive as other places, and that he's not hearing Schleifenbaum's complaints from other business owners.

"Maybe there are specific cases where it's not perfect, but we're not hearing that at the council table."

Despite what's come before council,

Schleifenbaum said all you need to do is look around the municipality to see things aren't good.

"When I see children and grandchildren leaving and not being able to come back because jobs are not here, that's nothing to be proud of," he said. "Huntsville and Bracebridge, [even] Bancroft are doing well. There's nothing

happening in Haliburton. I'm not talking industrial development, I'm talking about green and smart development. It's certainly not happening in the municipality."

But it's not happening elsewhere in the province either, Fearrey said.

"The economy is not only an issue here, but it's an issue in Ontario," he said. "We've lost hundreds of thousands of jobs in Ontario."

Fearrey points to the new Tim Hortons in Haliburton, as well as the new condo developments as examples of the municipality trying to drive the economy and create jobs.

"They say it's a pleasure to do business here," he said.

Highlands Brewery, which just began selling their beer this week, was also supported by council, he said.

"It's off and running and successful. Those are small things, but every three or four jobs are important."

Although times may be hard, the municipality can't just let businesses do whatever they want, said Fearrey.

"We appreciate everything that everyone's trying to do, but we can't just throw regulation out the window. You work harder at it, and you find new ways of doing it."

Schleifenbaum doesn't agree.

He recently purchased the old Lucas residence on the corner of Maple Avenue and Mountain Street in Haliburton to use for an antiques store. He said the first communication received from the municipality was notification that the use didn't conform to the property's zoning.

"That's not the way to enable business, that's the way to disable business," he said.

For Dysart's economy to turn around, Schleifenbaum said it will take a new leader at the helm. But before that can happen, Fearrey needs to step away from his seat as reeve.

"I've officially asked [Fearrey] to declare he won't run. As long as he's sitting behind the scenes, nobody else is going to declare because everybody's afraid as soon as he declares he'll be voted in again."

Schleifenbaum said Fearrey was clearly campaigning while at the KLCOA meeting, and that right after speaking there, he went to the Haliburton Lake meeting to do the same thing.

"He's a well-known entity and he's going to get the vote again."

But Fearrey won't declare his intentions for the fall election.

"This is a democracy," he said. "People run because they want to run or they think they have something to offer. The electorate will decide that."

Schleifenbaum's opinion won't factor into Fearrey's decision, either.

"I'm not going to be guided by one opinion. If generally people don't want me in office, they would have voted me out."

Historically, Fearrey said he's never declared early and that this time around, he's not the only incumbent reeve who has yet to put in their nomination form. Neither Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton nor Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt has declared their intentions.

"You want to see what's unfolding," Fearrey said. "You want to assess whether you want to commit to four years. I don't see the urgency for rushing into it."

"If you really want that position on council, it's not going to scare you off."

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Editorial opinion

The Fearrey factor

When Peter Schleifenbaum stood up in front of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) on May 17 and publicly called for Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey to step down from council, there were surely a few nods of assent.

Fearrey has been running Dysart's council for years – decades, actually – and if Schleifenbaum is to be believed, it's time for him to retire. The Haliburton Forest owner says the reeve's persistence on council is holding the municipality back; the perceived unbeatability of Fearrey in the October election is keeping potential fresh faces from challenging the top seat.

It's not as though business is booming right now in Haliburton. With the exception of four months of the year, the village is a virtual ghost town. It's hard for our young folks to find work, and when a big company like Armatec wants to set up shop in the municipality – a move that would create jobs council closes the door.

It would seem, then – to those who don't know any better - that when Schleifenbaum claims Dysart isn't friendly to business, he may be on to something.

But maybe he's not. Because in the same breath as those complaints, Schleifenbaum will happily tell you the forest has grown and is doing exciting things. He has a Forest Store location in downtown Haliburton, and has just purchased a new property, right next to the municipal office, to host another one of his projects.

That property, the old Lucas residence on Maple Avenue, required an amendment to the zoning bylaw before Schleifenbaum could open an antiques store. Every business owner in every Ontario municipality must adhere to zoning bylaws, so claiming that enforcing those laws deters business doesn't really fly.

As for the reeve, it's easy to look at his shortcomings and ignore some of the good things that are happening in this town. Life with Fearrey isn't as bad as some would

have you believe. Last year's streetscape project has made Haliburton Village a more attractive place to visit and shop. The new library is always busy, and believe it or



By Matthew **Desrosiers**

not, there are new businesses around here that are successful – The Highlander, a pet store and new bakery-restaurant included.

The reeve can't take credit for every one of this community's successes, but neither can he be charged with each of its failures. Were he to step down – without a proper successor in place – the municipality would likely be

Being reeve is more than chairing a few monthly meetings. It takes experience and know-how to navigate the system and accomplish your goals. Ideally, you would train councillors to step into the role, however two of those who are qualified -Andrea Roberts and Dennis Casey – have instead opted to compete for the deputy's seat. That's unfortunate, because only one will remain on council, leaving the pool of potential successors even smaller. Fearrev must be aware of that, and of the reality that his legacy will be judged partly on a smooth transition, whenever it occurs.

While it's possible somebody comes out of the woodwork who has the skills and experience to make a good reeve, at this point there's no indication that such is the case. And so, it's expected that Fearrey will wait a little longer before declaring his intention to run again - that's his prerogative. In the meantime, anyone is free to announce their intentions.

To say Fearrey is unbeatable is to acknowledge he has the support of voters. That's democracy for you. But we'll never really know if the claim is true unless a challenger steps forward.

Don't worry about newcomers

At lunch today, a colleague mentioned her mother was worried about the future. A lifelong resident of Haliburton, she's concerned that newcomers will change the character and feel of the area with big-city ideas and values.

It's a reasonable anxiety. According to the 2011 census, a full 20 per cent of our population – one in five – moved here in the last five years. As people die or migrate out, the percentage of newcomers will only increase, leaving "the locals" more and more outnumbered.

It's natural to want to preserve a community you love forever, and sad that it's never been achieved. People move on, others move in, the world changes and we must adjust. How we adjust however is entirely up to us.

Hopefully those who have lived here all their lives will be assured somewhat by what's drawing people to the Highlands: the community itself. Compared to city life, community here is strong and supportive. Values tend towards helping others and giving back and, as I've written before, it's a place where your status rises with what you do for others rather what you collect for yourself. We see that every day in the incredible level of volunteerism, something newcomers often jump into wholeheartedly.

Newcomers are embracing the responsibilities of small-town living, finding respect for traditions foreign to them and braving the winters, black flies and wet basements alongside their seasoned neighbours. Many in fact become the fiercest defenders of rural values and priorities; converts are often the most zealous defenders of the faith: conservation, affordability, avoiding excess, civic responsibility and following a live-and-let-live attitude. Newcomers who won't or can't accept this community's values don't stay very long.

When it comes to preserving the Highlands, newcomers may in fact be one of the strongest bulwarks against radical change. We chose this place because of what it is now. The agenda is not to turn it into a suburb, a city, Muskoka or anything else; it's to preserve what those who came before have created and to defend it from the mounting pressures emerging from a broke province, ageing population and changing economy. When it

comes to supporting local business, local food, our schools and hospitals and everything that makes



By Bram Lebo

this community special, we're all on the same

That's why it's important not to confuse newcomers with cottagers. As much as we'd like to believe cottagers are part of our society, their impermanence means they're at best on the margins. Some cottagers successfully do go native and become part of our fabric. Others unfortunately are content to blast fireworks, honk at traffic and heap scorn on cashiers, disrupting our rural idyll. They are not "citizens" of the Highlands. Their main residences, jobs, businesses and lives are somewhere else. They can visit for decades and remain oblivious to local ways and issues.

And therein lies the difference. From the dawn of democracy, the concept of citizenship with its participation and responsibilities has been central to stable societies. Yet by some quirk of Ontario legislation, we allow "noncitizens" to vote in our municipal elections if they own property. That's a throwback to the days when only landowners could vote; government elected by those with the most stuff. It's perplexing as to why our councils want to make it possible for cottagers to vote without even stepping into the county. Rights are to be exercised, not to be sent by email.

Many cottagers will eventually make the transition to living here and we'll welcome them warmly when they do. Before that however, affording them the status of citizens is to make our community and economy subject to the very threats keeping my colleague's mom awake at night. Recognizing this fact doesn't divide our community; rather it sharpens our identity.

That's important, because when we define our community too loosely, we lose sight of our purpose and priorities. Certainly the relationship between cottagers and residents needs to be respectful and healthy, and as interactive as possible. But until they pick up and move, experience a winter heating with a wood stove and live the ups and downs of a seasonal economy, pretending they actually live here won't do us any favours.

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Letters to the editor

Highlands votes count, too

Dear editor,

This provincial election is getting in the way of my favourite topic, municipal councillors.

So who do we vote for in provincial politics? We have Mr. Johnson for the Liberals, Ms. Scott from the Conservatives, and Mr. Abel from the NDP. The Green party, Mr. Ahmad from Peterborough, is a fourth choice.

Let's face it, we are a small burg in the north, not near as important as any town near the GTA and as such, we do not get the recognition we deserve as part of the great province of Ontario. I believe truly that the GTA should be a separate entity on its own, because that is the focus of any provincial government. And this is primarily right, because it contains the major population, the diversity, the economy, and the engine to make this province run economically. So who are we, on the outskirts?

We are people of Ontario, same as the people of the GTA, mostly a little bit older, but we still count. We do not deserve to be forgotten. We pay taxes, we have contributed to society, and we choose to live outside of the rat race of industry. Any candidate in this area has to beg for a crumb from funds allocated to the GTA and that is real life in Haliburton.

So what has Rick Johnson, Laurie Scott, Don Abel, and Arsalan Ahmad got to offer the residents of Haliburton? Dr. Phil (and I do not like that man personally) says that a good indication of future performance is past performance. What has any of these people ever done for Haliburton of any importance? Granted Mr. Abel and Mr. Ahmad have not had the chance.

Some people will not vote in this election because they believe none of the above are worthy. That is not the answer. There should be a box to mark "None of the above" to force the parties to go back to the drawing board.

So what do you want these people to do for Haliburton? Better question, what can they do?

Laurie Scott wants to stop the rise in Hydro rates, dismantle the College of Trades and the proposed mandatory Ontario pension, yet her leader Mr. Hudak plans to cut 100,000 civil service jobs. Rick Johnson says he is committed to social services, health care, employment and infrastructure, yet social services and health care for seniors has deteriorated, thanks partly to Deb Matthews. Rick also has a tough row to hoe, with the reputation of McGuinty hanging around his neck. Don Abel concentrates on jobs and health care. Will he bring back physiotherapy and chiropractic coverage? His boss Andrea Horwath says the NDP will control university tuitions and interest on loans, kill the HST on hydro, and a whole host of health care proposals

To me, the party that says they will stop the Hydro raise, kill the OPP cost proposal, repeal the cuts in paid health care, invest more funds into mental health care and prevention, cover necessary dental care, and give the refund from part of the HST to everyone, not just the poor, would get my vote. Oh, and I would like jail sentences for those proven to have deliberately misused public funds. That's just my wish. What is yours?

Ted Cumber Gooderham



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Photo of the week



Keeping the mosquitoes away.

Photo by Sandra Glover Clarke

Ombudsman should enforce LTC act

Dear editor,

Since before the 2012 provincial elections, the Norland Area Senior Citizens Club has been requesting from our politicians that the mandate of the Ontario Ombudsman be extended to include hospitals and Long Term Care Homes because of systemic and unconscionable problems plaguing the Long Term Care industry.

This came about because the treatment one of our members experienced while in rehab from a severe stroke.

The Liberal government is refusing to install the Ontario Ombudsman as an independent agent of the Crown reporting directly to the Ontario Legislature to enforce the Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007.

At present, inspectors, appointed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, are in charge of solving problems within this industry. This is a direct conflict of interest, because internal ministry policy is not necessarily in compliance with the legislation. When these inspectors have to choose between two different and conflicting rules, it is only natural that they decide in favour of their careers.

We propose the simple act of transferring all

inspectors to the office of the Ombudsman, complete with their budget. This will remove any conflict of interest without creating another layer of bureaucracy.

While this has been a festering problem for years, and has been publicized widely in printed and electronic press (Toronto Star and W5), it has received no mention in the election campaign so far.

We must realize that any one of us can fall victim to dementia, Alzheimer's or other debilitating illness tomorrow and end up in one of these homes, unable to speak for ourselves.

We owe it to these seniors to fight on their behalf.

We urge every senior in this great province to cast their vote only for the candidate that will extend the Ombudsman's mandate.

It has to be said that the majority of Long Term Care Homes operate in a caring and responsible manner. The Ombudsman must be given the job to bring irresponsible operators into compliance with the law and show that they are not tolerated in this province.

Karl Braeker, President Norland Area Senior Citizens Club

The**Outsider**

Finally, there'll be a trip down to the south coast (yes, the one that I never got to go to when I was a kid) to visit my old chum Hector. This



will undoubtedly entail he and I imbibing an excess of the local brew – all in the name of scientific research, now that Haliburton has a brewing industry – me falling over and him being severely chastised by his lovely wife for being irresponsible and acting like a teenager, again.

Oh, and did I mention that we'll be doing all of this travelling in a car the size of a Bigley's shoebox? I jest, but looking at the size of the suitcase that I've just lugged across London, I'm wondering whether it will fit in the car or the car will fit in it when we go to pick up our vehicle and properly begin our adventure in a couple of days' time.

These are the bits that I know will definitely happen on my holidays. There will be other, oft unusual and hopefully noteworthy events that I'll try to sum up for you in next week's column. Adios, my friends. Wish me luck!

Home from home

This is your roving Outsider, on course for far away lands and experiences the likes of which have never been witnessed before by a Canadian man (or woman). I send you this missive whilst strapped into my seat on flight TS235, which is currently cruising at approximately 450 miles per hour some 35.000 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Wish me luck my Canadian chums...

Well OK, I'm not actually writing this while flying. I don't own one of those fancy tablets. The nearest I can get to that is the Aspirin I have for headaches. If I tried to unpa ancient old laptop while wedged into the seat of a plane it would probably set off all kinds of security alerts, such is the volume of its humming and whirring on start up, and I'd require an English plug socket at my arm so that it didn't shut down after I'd written just a

I did think about what I'd write to you all while I sped high above the clouds, honest. I did wonder what it would be like to be a real, bona fide journalist setting out on some dangerous and important mission. I did gaze in awe at the 10-year-old in the next row tap tap tapping on the screen of his brand new iPad. I assumed it was his parents', until they both unsheathed their glistening tablets, one in slate grey, the other pink, to complement their carry-on luggage, and then proceed to ignore each other for the rest of the flight.

Yes, I did puzzle over the stories I'd tell because my mission is an important one, the most important, in fact. I've taken a couple of weeks out to go see my mum and dad, and the parents in-law too, but I'm trying not to think about that! I've returned to Blighty for the first time in two years and we're in London decompressing or depressing, depending on whether you hold my lovely wife's or my views on shopping, before embarking on a road trip that will take in the hills, valleys, sheep and rain of Wales, where I holidayed every year when as a kid.

I have to assume that my dad was on some covert mission for the government that necessitated us spending weeks of each summer in Wales because, while all of my friends went to Spain or at least the south coast of England, we went to Wales and got rained on whilst trudging along clifftop paths leaning hard into gale force winds.

On our return home after these 'holidays' I'd look puzzled at people who commented on my sun tan. I didn't know what a sun tan was. My red/brown colouring was a mix of frost bite and scar tissue from being sand blasted while being told to 'have fun' on cold windswept beaches where the only other occupants were vicious looking crabs and penguins who assumed this was the Antarctic.

Then, after retracing those bracing steps of my childhood, picking the sand from our underwear and eye sockets, we'll be moving on to middle England and a visit with the aforementioned in-laws. Need I say more? Little Z will be spoiled beyond his wildest dreams, so turning him into a ranting, crazed brat for the remainder of the holiday. Oh don't you just marvel at the wicked love of grandparents for their children's children? Tis as if they were doing it for some kind of payback. But, on the upside, after missing her parents for many long months, my lovely wife will quickly be reminded why we moved to Canada in the first place!

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What do you see as the most important issue of the provincial election?



Howard Allder

Aurora

Jobs and the great gas plant scandal. It is a disgrace and someone must pay the political price.

Jim Cochlin

Boshkung

Trust. Looking at the arithmetic of the Conservative job plan, it is ridiculous. The plan is smoke and mirrors and has no history of ever



Nancy Holden

Minden

Jobs is number one. That is the whole umbrella and it falls down from the health care for our seniors and general public and education for our children. It affects us all.

Ron Cook

Minden

It is such a pathetic choice. It is the lesser of the three evils party wise and people wise. There does not seem to be one issue that is





Stan Russell

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Pay-and-display: one year later

Ron Henselwood collects from one of

Dysart's new pay-and-display stations.

Bv Mark Arike Staff writer

The five pay-and-display parking meters that replaced traditional meters on Highland Street in Haliburton last June are meeting the municipality's expectations, according

to bylaw enforcement officer Ron Henselwood.

"I'd say it's about 85 per cent compliance of the pay-and-display," said Henselwood.

"With Haliburton being a small community and a tourist location, it's not like Toronto where we're out there every day tagging vehicles."

The meters, which cost the municipality about \$40,000. replaced 40 of the old

meters on Highland Street following the completion of the streetscape project.

Henselwood said council approved the purchase and installation of the meters for several reasons, some of which include a tidier appearance, easier movement for pedestrians and improved access for snow

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The revenue generated by the new meters from June of last year to the middle of November was \$13,788. Between November and mid-January, the units are covered up and out-of-service for the Christmas shopping season.

In 2012, \$13,581 was collected by the

old meters between February and June, however, that total also includes meters on Maple Avenue and Highland Street, east of Maple. A few old meters remain in those locations.

Fines haven't changed, either. Tickets for non-compliance are \$10, but that amount is Photo by Mark Arike reduced to \$7 if they pay within a week.

In the past year, the municipality

has netted \$4,500 in revenue from tickets, which includes handicap parking offenses. Henselwood estimated that \$3,800 of that came from tickets issued on Highland Street and Maple Avenue.

"Generally, there's not a lot of complaints. It's like with anything else, once the people get used to it," he said.

New hours for West Guilford landfill

By Mark Arike Staff writer

On June 2, the hours of operation at the landfill in West Guilford will change as part of a pilot project.

During the summer months, the landfill is currently open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The municipality's director of public works, Brian Nicholson, recommended those hours be changed to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to mirror the Haliburton

"That allows the contractors, in particular, access to that site to get rid of whatever debris they have left in their trailers," Nicholson told council during a May 27 meeting.

He said the West Guilford site is quite busy and that with the recent return of a full-time landfill employee, there is room to expand hours.

The hope is to also alleviate some of the congestion at the Haliburton landfill.

"We're trying to split it out and give us a little more operating space at the Haliburton site," he said.

The West Guilford site is open on Sundays from 12-8 p.m. Nicholson regarding the closing time and suggested changing those hours to 10 a.m to 6 p.m.

Nicholson said the pilot project would be assessed later in the year to see if the changes have been effective.

Reeve Murray Fearrey expressed concern over altering hours that people have become familiar with.

"Apparently, there's people lining up at the gate at 10 o'clock in the morning and it doesn't open until 12 [p.m.]," responded Nicholson.

Councillor Steve Pogue asked whether any of his colleagues were concerned about cutting back on Sunday's hours and how that might impact cottagers.

Nicholson told Pogue that traffic counts have been conducted between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m., and that the results have shown few visitors go to the landfill between those times.

"You'll see four cars," he said. Councillor Dennis Casey said that while some people will likely have to adjust their schedules, it shouldn't cause major problems for most.

Council approved the pilot project, which will come into effect June 2. The landfill will switch back to winter hours in the fall.



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Meetings and Events

June 2

6:30 pm, Youth Softball League Game Opener, Minden Fairgrounds

June 12

9:00 am, CoTW meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

June 26

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public sesson 10:00am)

June 27-29

Haliburton ATV Deep Woods Safari, Minden Fairgrounds Visit www.haliburtonatv.com to register

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Public Notice

As of May 30, 2014, the Administrative Office for the Community Services Department (currently located at Scout Hall in the Minden Community Centre) and the office of the Director of Community Services, will be relocated to the first floor of the Municipal Offices for the Township of Minden Hills.

All activities currently conducted at the Scout Hall location will now be conducted through the Municipal Office location.

After May 29, 2014, the Administrative Assistant for the Community Services Department can be reached at (705) 288-1260 x205.

The Director of Community Services can be reached at 705-286-1260 ext 213

2014 Final Residential Tax Bills

The 2014 Final Residential tax bills will be mailed on May 30th, 2014. The due dates are July 18th, 2014 and September 19th, 2014. If you have not received your bill(s) prior to the July due date, please contact our office.

Payments received after May 10th may not be reflected on your final tax bill. Outstanding balances do not include penalty/interest for June or July. Please contact us for an up to date balance on your account.

The Final Commercial/Industrial/Multi-residential tax bills are anticipated to be mailed in August. Bills with both commercial and residential assessments will be mailed together at that time.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

Please note that if you use telephone or internet banking to pay your taxes, a separate account is required for each roll number. Your account is the 19 digit roll number found on your tax bill that starts with 4616. As we move forward with automatic uploading of payment information, it is even more important that you use the correct account information.

The Township will not be held responsible for any penalty or interest charges resulting from inaccurate account information. Please ensure that you are using the correct 19 digit number, and that each account is paid separately.

If you wish to pay by preauthorized payment, the Township offers three plans. Forms are available on our website at www.mindenhills.ca or at the Township office.

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That Municipalities must wait until September 2nd, 2014 to revise the voters list. To see if you are on the List before September, simply log on to www. voterlookup.ca or contact MPAC at 1 868 296-6722.



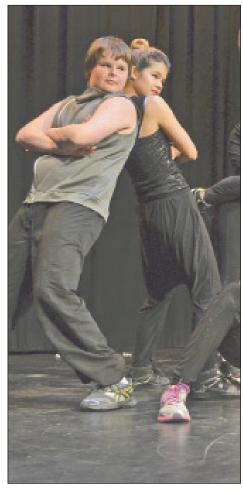
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Highlander arts









Photos by Sue Tiffin

HDA kids bust a move

Students of the Haliburton Dance Academy delighted the crowd when they took the stage on May 23 and 24. The dancers showed off their skills at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion over three performances. Kids of all ages had the audience smiling and dancing in their seats as they showed what they've learned to a theme of "At a Wedding." Performances highlighted some of the styles taught at the Haliburton Dance Academy, including tap, hip-hop, and a rousing version of the Chicken Dance. Catch parts of the performance online at HighlanderOnline.ca

Top left: Josie Morrison took her role as chicken during the Chicken Dance very seriously at the HDA's showcase. Top right: Teen hip hop dancers strike a pose. Above: The competitive dance group from the Haliburton Dance Academy. Left: Emma Scheffee (left) stands tall during a performance at the 18th annual HDA recital.



Highlander arts

One or two

Sunlight spilled through the spring garden like syrup on pancakes. Molly and Sue sat at Molly's outdoor table taking it all in, thirsty after the long winter. Sue had come for a weekend visit and right now the two sisters were enjoying breakfast amid birdsong.

Even at first glance it was evident they were sisters. Molly was a little older and heavier, but without makeup the two faces were much alike. They were making plans for the day as they sipped their coffees. Sue was quite content to do a bit of shopping and then hang out in the backyard. This pleased Molly who lived to garden.

For Sue, taking a break from cooking and cleaning was a treat. She loved her husband but as she tried to explain to him, after fifty years of meal planning and cooking, she would be happy not to make one more meatloaf or dust another knickknack on the mantle. And while Sue was visiting her sister, her husband planned to watch sports and have his buddies over for a night of poker. Separation could sometimes improve long-time relationships, she said to Molly.

Molly nodded in response though it appeared her mind was elsewhere. No

doubt planning where to move some perennials, thought Sue. She knew her sister.

Divorced for twenty years, Molly was a confirmed single. Her daughter, when she came to visit with Molly's grandson, sometimes shook her head at what she saw as Molly's eccentricities. "You'd do well in Britain Mum," she said, eyeing her mother's appearance. From the top of her wildly unruly grey locks, down through an ancient holey and stained t-shirt, frayed cut-offs and filthy, lace-less runners, it was obvious Molly was no fashion plate. She also spoke her mind which sometimes got her into trouble with neighbours.

"If they don't like my opinions, that's their problem," she shrugged. While she had dated several men over the years she was now content to tend her garden. As they enjoyed their second cup of coffee Sue asked Molly if she ever wished she had a significant other to share her life. Molly guffawed.

"Why would I want that?" she responded. "I like having to please only myself. If I want scrambled eggs and peanut butter for supper, I have it. If I want to spend the day in my hammock or watch television until 3 a.m., I can. My

life is my own in every way and it suits me just fine."

Sue sat back in her lawn chair and contemplated her sister's words. It did sound appealing. To rise in the morning without thinking of another person's wants or needs, to sit in the quiet pleasure of her own company gave Sue a tingle of longing. Molly's life sounded less burdensome than her own. In the dark corners of her mind, there were days when Sue wished to be free. While she loved her husband she looked at Molly's life and wondered what it would be like to change places.

Molly smiled and drank, watching her sister's face as conflicting emotions traced across it. She knew her sister.

"If I had met someone like your Lance my life might have been different Sue," she began. Surprised at these words, Sue looked up.

Molly continued.

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"To have someone who would listen to my sometimes outrageous opinions would be a pleasant change," she said. "And it would be wonderful to have someone who I could completely trust and who I knew loved me even on bad hair days or when I was throwing up with the flu and stank."

"Whew!" rejoined Sue. "You must think a lot of my Lance."

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my Lance."
"I do," came the response.

By Sharon Lynch

"And I'm planning to visit Ireland next summer and it would be great to have someone to share that with."

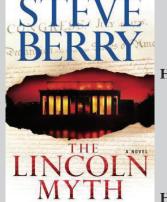
Here Sue nodded. She and Lance had done some travelling and hoped to do more. They both enjoyed seeing new places and experiencing foreign cultures. And they still liked to watch a movie together holding hands as they had done for years.

"Well I think I'll leave the dirty dishes and maybe we could head out to the mall"

Molly's words interrupted Sue's thoughts. She looked at her sister with her spiky hair and faded comfortable clothes. Molly was smiling broadly almost as though she had read Sue's thoughts. With a twinkle in her eye, Molly noted, "As our Mum used to say, 'Everyone to their own taste said the old woman as she kissed the cow.' Let's go." And they did.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL'S TOP FICTION

- 1. The Lincoln Myth by Steve Berry
- 2. The Directive by Matthew Quirk
- 3. The Chance by Robyn Carr

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

- 1. Growing Food in a Short Season: sustainable organic cold-climate gardening by Melanie Watts
- 2. Permanent Present Tense: the unforgettable life of the amnesic patient, H.M. by Suzanne Corkin
- 3. *Ultimate Guide to Cabinets, Shelves & Storage* by Herb Hughes

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

- 1. The Here and Now by Ann Brashares (YA)
- 2. Soccer on Sunday by Mary Pope Osborne (JF)

AUDIO AND VIDEO AT HCPL

- 1. The Monuments Men (DVD)
- 2. *The Kill Switch* by James Rollins and Grant Blackwood (Book on CD)

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Variety store vets open on Minden's main drag

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

When the Minden Food Mart closed earlier this year, the Whitty family decided to open a convenience store in its place.

Though the family hadn't planned on opening a business this year, they knew the community needed a downtown variety store and quickly jumped at the opportunity. On The Spot Variety opened on Bobcaygeon Road on May 16.

"Quite simply, a downtown, regardless of the size of the town, needs a variety store," said Tina Whitty, daughter of owner Barb Whitty. "It is essential for those who live and work in the community. Our goal is to build the business into something the whole community can be proud of and happy to have in their town."

The Whittys – Barb and husband John, along with their children Tina and John, and Tina's son Eric – have been working in the variety store business for years. The family owned Dobie Variety in Dobie, Ontario, prior to owning Lakehaven Restaurant & Variety in West Guilford in the 1980s and 90s. Three of the Whittys worked at Minden's Jug City up until the opening of On The Spot last week, and Barb and Tina said their previous owners wished them well.

"Our old bosses, they've been wonderful," said Barb. "They wished us well, came in Thursday night before we opened and walked around saying everything looks great."

"There's not too many bosses, when three of us walk out at the same time, that would wish us well."

The Whittys said that kindness from their former employers isn't the only generosity they've received since opening the store. The day before their opening, they were astonished that two local businesses went out of their way to help.

County Sign and Display worked in the rain on the night of May 15 to ensure the 'On The Spot' sign was hanging over the door in time for the store's opening the next morning at 6

"I thought, 'it's pouring out there, and it's suppertime. You should be home," said Barb. "But they said, 'we wanted to make sure you have your sign up for the opening tomorrow morning.' I couldn't believe it. It was just pouring down rain and they were up on ladders putting up the sign."

When employees at Kawartha Dairy found out the Whittys' walk-in cooler wouldn't be ready on time, Tina said the Dairy workers made it their mission to find a two-door cooler that the variety store could borrow as long as was needed. When the Whittys asked how much they should pay for the delivery, set-up, and rental of the cooler, the Kawartha Dairy employees kindly waved them off.

Meanwhile, local butcher and building owner Chris Coneybeare bought a new air conditioner, replaced the ceiling, replaced lights, and is planning other improvements for the store location to help ensure the Whittys'



Photo by Sue Tiffin

The Whittys have opened On The Spot Variety on Bobcaygeon Road.

success. Neighbouring businesses filled the countertop with welcoming flowers and cards to congratulate the family on their store

"Everybody's been fantastic," said Tina. "It's been overwhelming in the very best way."

The Whittys have already seen the necessity of the store. An older resident without a car

said he typically walked much further to purchase kitchen staples like bread and milk, but that with the store being downtown, he has closer access to what he needs.

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> Thursday, June 19 Chamber AGM & Breakfast



7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Royal Canadian Legion Minden 12847 Highway 35

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Members are invited to review the accomplishments of the Chamber over the past year, elect officers to the Board of Directors and look forward to the future of the Chamber in the Haliburton Highlands.

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Photos by Mark Arike

Left: HHHSF executive director Dale Walker introduces campaign donors to the podium. Middle: Guests enjoy lunch, which was provided Wintergreen Maple Products. Right: MPP Laurie Scott tries out one of Shelley Van Nood's cupcakes.

Palliative care campaign hits halfway mark

By Mark Arike Staff writer

The majority of Haliburton County's population consists of seniors and that isn't about to change any time soon, according to statistics provided by Varouj Eskedjian, president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

In order to better serve these aging residents, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) has embarked on the "Making Moments Matter" campaign to raise \$900,000 for the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre.

"Currently, about 50 per cent of our 17,000 resident population is over 50 years old," said Eskedjian in his opening remarks at the official launch of the campaign on May 23 at the Haliburton hospital.

Twenty-eight per cent are 65 and older, while 12 per cent are 75 and older, he continued.

"In the next 10 years, by 2025, 36 per cent of our population is going to be over 65 and

16 per cent over 75," he said, as he read numbers from Statistics Canada estimates and Ontario Ministry of Finance projections.

Twenty years from now, 41 per cent of Haliburton County's population will be over the age of 65.

"Those are the pressures that are facing us as a community. But those are the pressures that are facing us as an organization that needs to meet the needs of those, including end-of-life care," he said.

Eskedjian said the rates of chronic illnesses in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district are higher on a percentage basis than the provincial averages.

"These numbers demonstrate the need to expand the service in Haliburton County. But I'm certain all of you don't need to know the numbers. If you look around you... you can see the true need. We're all getting older, and unfortunately we're all going to die at some point."

Len Logozar, HHHS chairman of the board, acknowledged Hugh Nichol, a former board member, for pushing for quality palliative care

in the community

"When Hugh was on the board... it was one of his missions to have a palliative unit, based on one of the experiences his family member had in passing," said Logozar, who pointed out that the Haliburton site currently has a one-room unit. "He brought that issue forward and we took it up as a board."

Don Popple, HHHSF campaign co-chair, explained that the foundation will be responsible for raising all of the funds to make the expansion project possible.

"There is no provincial government money for this program," said Popple.

"We're on our own and we don't intend to

Popple announced that \$425,000 has already been raised, however, shortly after he spoke the Bank of Montreal bumped that total up to \$450,000 with a \$25,000 donation.

Reeve Murray Fearrey attended the campaign launch on behalf of Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton.

"Over the last number of years, one of the things we constantly hear on the street from families is that we need palliative care beds," said Fearrey. "I think this is something that's really happening."

Fearrey congratulated the foundation on its fundraising efforts, and added that the municipality would help in any way it could.

Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director, said there will be two palliative care suites, a vestibule and a garden setting. While the drawings aren't finalized, she said the addition will be comfortable and spacious for families to honour and celebrate the life of a loved one.

Friday's event also included live entertainment from local group Custom Blend, food by Wintergreen Maple Products and the final draws in the Cash for Care Lottery. The winners were as follows: \$1,000 – Ruth Bergshoeff of Hamilton; \$2,000 – Ron Hegarty of Haliburton; \$5,000 – Arthur Sutton of Minden; \$15,000 – Ron Gambell of Minden

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Floods part of Minden's history

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

When the images of Minden's 1943 flood flashed on the screen, local resident Brigitte Gall saw her house on Anson Street in the middle of the water.

It brought back memories of last year's flood, when her house suffered again from waters that flooded out of the Gull River in May.

"The first thing I felt was pride," said Gall. "That old girl was standing there in the middle of water, and she stood there defiantly during the 2013 flood. She's a tough old bird and we love her, warts and all."

"Fortunately, those crazy old pioneers knew a thing or three about building houses," she said. "Our foundation is stone, and the house sits up on a slight rise – so while the flood waters were spreading through the lower lying areas [last year], our place was surrounded by water but it never actually came in through the basement windows.'

Minden Hills has a history of flooding that Nature's Place and museum curator Darren Levstek said was something our ancestors handled nonchalantly.

"Floods were an accepted part of life in Minden," he said during a talk at the Minden Cultural Centre on May

"Fire didn't happen every year, and tornadoes didn't, but floods did. We just dealt with it."

There is little to no information on them before Minden's great flood of 1943. That year, Minden was hit by a flood reported to be eight feet deep in some places and that produced whitecaps. Rather than being displaced, town residents continued to dress in their Sunday best and took to their boats to head to town.

Gall said she remembers a moment like that last year after an emotional day in which a stranger, through a random act of kindness, donated goods to her family.

"Everything was upside down, we didn't know how high the water would get, if the dams would hold, and there I was blubbering like a 12-year-old girl in the school secretary's office because of this random, incredible kindness," she remembers. "And then later, to stand at the base of Peck Street, to see up the street as people were floating around on canoes and boats, just getting through it as best they could."

In conversations with local resident Pat Campbell, who lived through the floods, Levstek learned livestock was driven out of town and chickens were put in lofts. Residents used rowboats to get to the lofts from their homes in order to feed the chickens.

Five families living outside of the downtown area were marooned, and Campbell told Levstek she remembered stores being filled with water, but not closing. Boats were docked at stores and grocery deliveries were made by boat. Schools remained open and parents paddled their kids to school in boats.



Photo submitted by Darren Levstek

Two men brave the 1943 flood waters in Minden.

"It was more a menace and a nuisance rather than a disaster," said Levstek.

The flood of 1943 came a year after a fire destroyed the whole side of Bobcaygeon Street. The younger generation was off to war and then the largest bank robbery in Canada at the time happened in 1946, when \$200,000 was taken from the Sterling Bank.

"They must have thought locusts were coming," said Levstek. "Everything just happened at once."

Participants at the May 22 talk were quick to discuss their own knowledge of Minden's flooding history and carefully studied the presentation's photos. Some participants were able to identify roads and landmarks to give more understanding as to where the flood happened and what Minden looked like at the time. As most photos are typically taken of the town from the centre of the road, storefront signs and distinguishing features of buildings are often not recognized, so Levstek encouraged residents to bring photos of the area to him.

"It's not your aunt and uncle I'm interested in, it's what

"We don't have a lot of historical information about Minden," he said. "Hopefully in the future we'll know

Gall said Levstek's talk was both interesting and eyeopening.

"[Back then], there was very little hoo-hah about these kinds of events in the papers because they just happened, and you just got through it," she said. "Just like we did in



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Highlander life





Photos by Matthew Desrosiers and Mark Arike

Left: The Highlander's Mark Arike sits down for an interview with Canadian icon Lloyd Roberston. Right: Lloyd Robertson, left, signs copies of his memoir titled "The Kind of Life It's Been" for adoring fans at Harmony Farm.

Robertson tackles mental health

By Mark Arike Staff writer

When former CTV news anchor Lloyd Robertson announced that he planned on penning a memoir, there were those who asked him how he would make it interesting.

"When I wrote this book, there were those doubters – among my friends – who said to me, 'Lloyd, you've lived such a clean life, we think. What are you going to write about? You're book isn't going to be interesting – no scandals," recalled Robertson during his soldout talk and book signing at Harmony Farm in Burnt River on May 24.

"I promise, it is interesting," he said firmly, in his classic baritone voice.

With a career that has spanned six decades in broadcasting, Robertson is the longest-serving national TV news anchor in Canadian history. He joined CTV in 1976 and didn't vacate his anchor's chair at the station until 2011.

Now 80, Robertson continues to work part-time as the host of the Canadian news magazine series, W5.

In his book, titled "The Kind of Life It's Been," Robertson looks back on his storied career as well as the struggles he faced as a child growing up in Stratford, On.

When visiting other areas, Robertson said the question he gets asked most often is, 'How did you manage to grow up with a mother who was mentally ill?'

When he was 14, his mother, Lilly, underwent a lobotomy (a common neurosurgical procedure in those days). The

procedure resulted in permanent negative side effects.

"What it did was flat line a person emotionally. JFK's sister, Rosemary, had a lobotomy and it destroyed her for many years afterwards. She was a shell of her former self."

Although her true condition went undiagnosed, Robertson said his mother suffered from bipolar disorder, paranoia and obsessive compulsive disorder.

After several trips to the local psychiatric hospital to see his mother, Robertson developed a "lifelong curiousity about the workings of the mind and mental illness itself."

"What happened to her was so traumatic for me, I had great trouble writing about it."

Robertson said that back in those days, people with mental illness were treated as social outcasts. He is happy that this is finally starting to change.

"It is getting better," he said. "I know that through the Bell walk for mental illness and Bell Let's Talk Days, it is opening up."

As Robertson read a few excerpts from his book, the 55 people in attendance also heard about his most memorable interviews, the role of cosmetics in broadcasting, and his current life. A question and answer session followed his presentation.

This was the third event of its kind featuring an author at Harmony Farm. Past speakers have included Allan Fotheringham and Don Harron.





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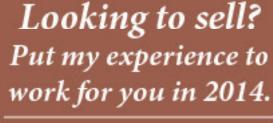
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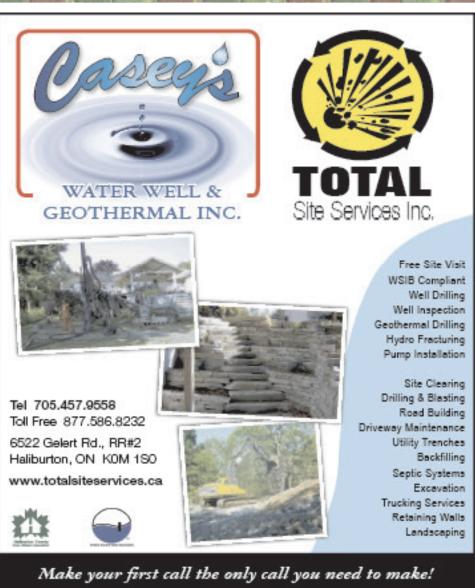
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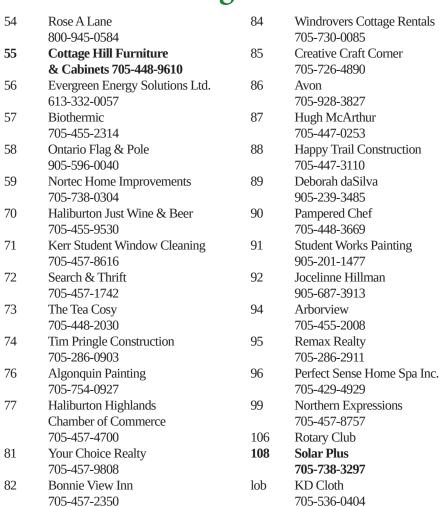




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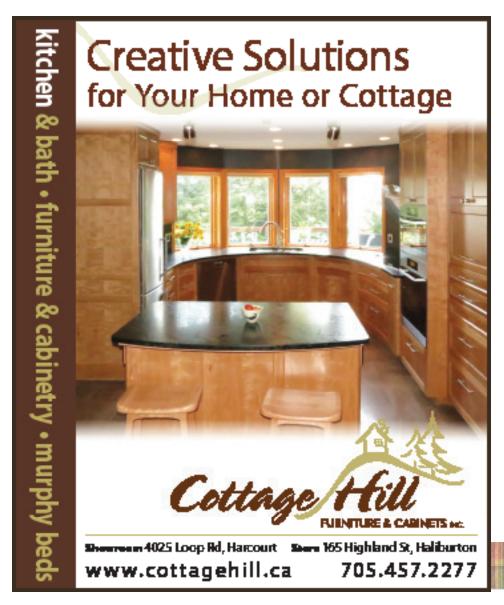


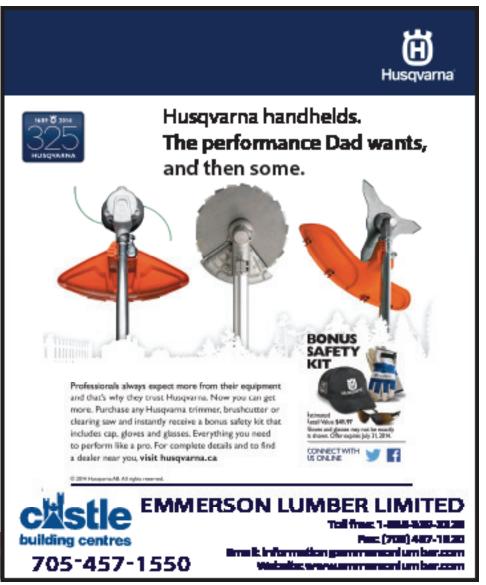
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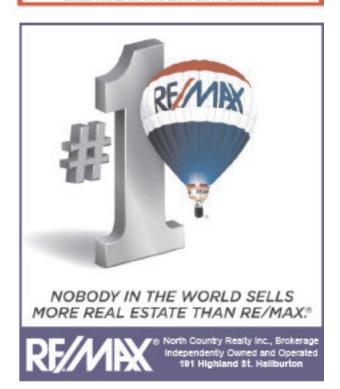
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Highlander sports

Hodgson relishes world championship experience

By Mark Arike Staff writer

It's not easy for Cody Hodgson to talk about his team's recent loss to Finland in the quarter-finals at the International Ice Hockey Federation's (IIHF) World Championship.

But despite being eliminated, he doesn't plan on forgetting about the overall experience.

"Obviously it's disappointing not winning, but overall I thought it was a great experience to represent Canada again," said Hodgson after landing in Toronto on May 23. "I had a lot of fun. I was very honoured to play for them."

The 24-year-old played for Team Canada in Minsk, Belarus from May 9 to 22. The team's general manager, Rob Blake, asked Hodgson to play for Team Canada just after the end of his regular NHL hockey season with the Buffalo Sabres.

Hodgson performed particularly well, having tied Joel Ward of the Washington Capitals for most goals in the championship with six. He also came away with two assists, eight points, two power play goals, three game-winning goals, and 31 shots on goal.

"It really doesn't matter, individually, how you do at the end of the day. Our goal going in was to win the gold medal, and we didn't accomplish that. So it's tough right now," he said.

This was Hodgson's second trip to

Belarus. He first visited the country a few years back to play in a couple of conditioning games as a member of Canada's under-18 team.

Hodgson called Belarus a "clean city" that treated the team very well. He was also grateful to have the ongoing support

of his friends and family, including his father Chris who made the trip to Belarus to cheer on his son in the final days of the championship.

Some of the highlights for Hodgson included getting to know other NHL players and travelling in another country.

Hodgson said he plans on taking a break for a couple of weeks before getting back to training in Markham and Buffalo. He also intends on visiting the cottage, which is located on Haliburton Lake, on weekends.

Pond hockey gets \$10,000 for 2015

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Pond Hockey championship organizers are working to keep the event in Haliburton County, despite not getting what they asked for from the county.

The county agreed on May 28 to support the event with \$10,000 per year for the next three years.

In an April delegation to council, Neil Lumsden, executive director of event organizer J-Core Marketing, had requested \$25,000 for each of the next three years. At that meeting, Lumsden told Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt the event might not continue in Haliburton County without that financial support.

Lumsden has not confirmed the event will stay in Haliburton County, but he is in talks with county tourism director Amanda Ranson. He told Ranson the event will need another \$10,000 sponsor.

"Mr. Lumsden is pleased with our commitment, so we are certainly hopeful something can be worked out to keep this vibrant event in Haliburton," she said.

Since 2013, the county has been supporting rather than funding events that benefit the county in exchange for advertising and marketing.

"We feel that the \$10,000 support will give us the brand exposure we are after for Haliburton Highlands," said Ranson. "We've done the same for other events this year, such as SPARC for example, where we sponsored the gala in exchange for marketing exposure."

The county does fund the annual Hike Haliburton festival, which is theirown

"I don't think that it has been fully

understood in the community that the county doesn't fund events," said Ranson. "We look at events as branding and marketing opportunities. I do hope that is more clear as we've worked through the Pond Hockey discussions."

The county is now looking to refine the details of the deal, and hopes the event will stay in Haliburton County.

"The \$10,000 support is worth it based on what Mr. Lumsden has promised in terms of value," said Ranson. "We still need to work out a few details, but overall county council is happy with the deal."

The Canadian Pond Hockey Championship has been held over two weekends in Haliburton since 2013. In 2015, the event organizers are considering adding a third weekend to the event.



Highlander sports



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

HHSS students Brynn Meyers (above) and Cody Bain are ready for the upcoming Eastern Regional track and field meet in Ottawa.



Track stars shine

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School track and field team has been training hard for this week's East Regional track meet.

Bruce Griffith, the school's track and field coach, said his team is ready.

"We're looking good," he said. "We've got 17 going on to the East Regionals. That's the meet before OFSAA."

The 17 competitors qualified for the regional meet during the COSSA championships on May 22. They will compete in Ottawa on May 29 and 30. The top four in each discipline will move on to OFSAA the following week in Mississauga.

Griffith said the team is strong in hurdles and the throwing events.

"We also have a couple of jumpers," he said. "We're not a big long-distance or middledistance school. We never have been."

Compared to COSSA, the East Regionals are much more competitive, he said.

"It gets really tough this week. It's a matter of tenths of a second or centimetres if you're throwing or jumping."

Grade 12 student Charlene Hicks has been competing in track and field since Grade 9. As a veteran on the team, Hicks has been training every day to get ready for the regionals.

"I'm excited," she said. "I'm a little nervous, but I think I'll do better in triple jump because it's my stronger event."

Hicks finished first in the COSSA triple jump event, and second in sprint hurdles. She said the team is feeling good going into the

"We're all thinking positive," she said. "We all just hope for the best for all of our teammates."

Of the 17 competitors going, Griffith said four or five have the potential to move on to OFSAA. He's confident the team is going to have a strong showing this week.

"We've got good athletes at this school," he

Highlander outdoors

Share the Road campaign kicks off the season

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

It has been a long winter for cyclists, but they're back on the roads and so are the Share the Road signs reminding drivers, cyclists and walkers to be aware and stay

The 2014 Share the Road campaign launched on May 22 with a group of supporters demonstrating safe road use habits. Haliburton EMS and Ontario Provincial Police representatives, along with members of the Communities in Action committee that promotes the road awareness campaign, met on Kashagawigamog Road where a jogger was struck and killed in

Cyclists participating in the launch were

willing to share responsibility to keep everyone safe and comfortable on county

"We're all tarred with the same brush," said Anne-Marie Borthwick, who has been cycling in the area for three years.

Borthwick and fellow Haliburton Easy Ryder cycling club member Mac Ellis said it was important for cyclists to be as aware as drivers and to share road responsibility with motorists, given their legal road user status.

Ellis suggested cyclists obey the road rules, be predictable on the road and communicate with each other like drivers. He did note that Haliburton County motorists were typically very aware of cyclists and respectful of their

Sue Shikaze, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) health promoter and Communities in Action (CIA) committee chair, shared Ellis' sentiment that Haliburton County drivers are respectful of cyclists on the road.

"Once in a while there will be someone who passes a little too close, a little too fast, but it's important not to generalize all drivers just like it's important not to generalize all cyclists based on the behaviour of a few," said Shikaze.

Initiated in 2009, the Share the Road campaign promotes the message of "Same Roads, Same Rules, Same Rights," that has some local drivers and cyclists driving and riding with more confidence. After that first year, 82 per cent of people surveyed said the message was being shared effectively.

In the future, the CIA will continue to encourage county council to improve

the conditions for cyclists as the mode of transportation increases in popularity. County Road 648 will be get more of its shoulders paved this summer during a road reconstruction, a recommendation that was passed with the Share the Road campaign in mind.

"Providing safe space for walking and cycling would encourage people to do these more," said Ellis. "Things like paved shoulders, sidewalks, trails, as well as good maintenance of existing facilities, all provide space that makes it easier for people to walk and bike."

"We feel so much safer. Paving the shoulder is safer for drivers who might need to swerve, too."

For more information about cycling in Haliburton, visit cyclehaiburton.ca.





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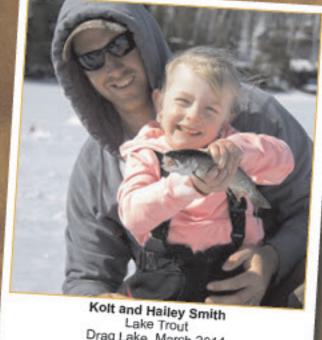
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School board exhibition showcases student art

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Students from three local schools excitedly pulled their parents around the rooms of the Haliburton County Education Centre in Minden on May 20 looking for their artwork.

The elementary and high school students' work had been selected by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to be on display for the next year as part of the 2014 Juried Art Exhibition.

"It's pretty exciting," said 11-year-old Grade 5 student Megan Klose.

Teachers from Archie Stouffer Elementary (ASES), J.D. Hodgson and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School submitted the art, and from those entries approximately 36 pieces were chosen. Students then received a letter inviting them, along with their parents, to the exhibition reception on May 20.

"I think I'm very proud of it myself," said Grade 3 ASES student Abby Dykstra. "I felt happy and really surprised when I saw it. I $\,$ should wear a hat and carry paint around like a real artist."

Director of education Larry Hope said there were similar exhibitions happening in Lindsay and Bracebridge.

"We have very, very talented students spread throughout the region and we want to showcase our students' work and give people the chance to see some of it."

"I'm very, very impressed," said mom of Grade 8 exhibitor Alex and Grade 6 exhibitor Grace. "I never taught them any art, but they did very well."



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Above: Students from three participating area schools invited family and friends to their art exhibition on May 20. The students' work was chosen by the TLDSB to be displayed in the local board of education building next to ASES over the next year. Left: Third grade ASES student Abby Dykstra was proud of her artistic accomplishment and proudly showed off both her art, and the certificate awarded to her by the TLDSB.



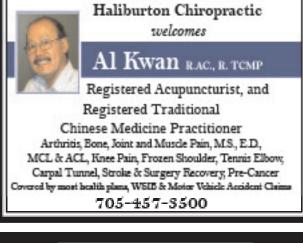
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Fire truck pulls into the OEYC

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

There are few things more exciting to children than a bright red fire truck.

On May 22, the Minden Hills Fire Department brought one of their trucks to the Minden Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) to the delight of the kids gathered there.

"It's been a couple of years since we had the fire department come to visit us, so we gave them a call and they were more than willing to come out," said Julie Pearson, program coordinator at OEYC.

Pearson was pleased with the turn-out at the event. More than 30 kids showed up to hear a brief talk and meet the firefighters. "It's very exciting. When you're two or three years old, fire trucks are really cool."

Firefighters Geoff Bunn and Joel Parker handed out firefighter helmets to the kids and showed them the inside of the truck. A highlight for many participants was the fire hose that is used during fires. Bunn patiently showed each child how to hold the hose to spray water on nearby trees.

"We're just here for a bit of an overview on fire prevention and to let [the kids] see the equipment," said Bunn.

Some kids were shy, some cried and others were afraid of the fire truck. Most, however, crawled inside the truck and smiled for photos for their parents.

Pearson said the kids will have another opportunity to get inside a vehicle when a school bus comes to the centre in July. Getting familiar with the school bus alleviates some of the fear the children might have about leaving their parents on a foreign vehicle.

Pearson said usually parents are more anxious about separation and the school bus than kids.







Photos by Sue Tiffin

Top: Kadyn Gillooly proudly wore a junior fire chief helmet when she had the opportunity to meet firefighters from the Minden Fire Department. Above left: Four-year-old Leighton Nesbitt and three-year-old Sophia Collins posed like pros on the back of a fire engine that Minden firefighters brought to the OEYC on May 22. Above right: Minden firefighter Geoff Bunn patiently showed a long line of kids how to use the fire engine's hose.



Junior highlanders

Through my eyes — Seasons change

The winter to spring transition is horrendous for some, pleasant for most, but I am indifferent.

I like winter for the fact that it is quiet throughout most of the season. The only thing I dislike about the winter is that it will eventually transition into spring, and with spring come the tourists (terrorists) inbound in their bass-blaring vehicles of doom and destruction (no offence). Our sleepy little winter town transforms into a bustling little city in a matter of weeks. This forces us to have to calculate when to go into town for amenities so I don't go ballistic at nearly being smothered by the masses of people.

Where I once walked the streets and was capable of recognizing around 80 per cent of people, I now recognize next to no one in my once lovely little mountain village because the permanent residents have all run for cover. I understand the allure of this lush woodland paradise, the beautiful lakes for swimming, water skiing, boating, fishing, and a quiet canoe ride at dusk. The expanse of natural woodlands, with trails for hiking, biking, and the rail trail for those who prefer to ride ATVs, are all natural draws. We have an abundance of wildlife and places of interest for all kinds of people, which is why we are taken by storm in the warmer seasons.

I personally have a hard time dealing

with the increased population, but my grandmother always tells me that without tourists we would be nothing more than a speck on a map, because the tourists help support our economy.



By Austin McGillion

We all love to swim; I know I do. Some people go to the nearest beach, and cottage-goers might have water access. As a result, I find that most lakes are very crowded and this drives me nuts. But I have found myself a secret swimming hole. I cannot divulge the location of this swimming hole for it wouldn't be quiet for very long. Let's just say it's a long drive, but well worth it.

I do notice that when tourists are at the beach they behave very differently than when they are in the town. Not to ruffle feathers, but this is true. They drive differently and they park differently than locals. But at the end of the day when all is said and done and the cottagers are in their homes, all is well.

I know we need them to keep this village alive. We're like siblings. We don't always get along, but we still rely on one another to get by. I love my town and everyone in it. We are one a big happy community.

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Jumping rope for heart

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

They may not all have been jump rope superstars, but the Cardiff Elementary School students still managed to raise over a thousand dollars for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Students participated in Jump Rope For Heart on May 23.

"We've done really well, actually," said Marielaine Mackie, educational assistant and coordinator for the event. "We do it to help out the donations for Heart and Stroke Foundation. There are so many people affected by these issues, and the exercise is great for the kids."

"We try to promote that in the schools." Altogether, 71 kids between Junior Kindergarten and Grade 3 participated. They raised \$1,359.

"That's pretty good," Mackie said. "The kids enjoy it."

The students were split into teams and spread over 10 stations, where they had to perform different activities with the jump ropes. They jumped to music that changed every 10 minutes, which queued the teams to rotate to their next stations.

Owen Deterling is a student at the school. He likes doing Jump Rope For Heart.

"You get to help [people] that are sick," he said.

He said he doesn't jump rope very well, but he still has fun trying.

"It's one of the most fun things I can do," Deterling said. "It's fun to skip rope because it's fun to help."

Cardiff Elementary School has been participating in the event for at least 20 years, said school secretary Cathy Graham.



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Big Bike is back

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

It takes a community to power the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike, just like it takes a community to raise almost \$10,000 for the charity.

But that's exactly what Haliburton County did last week, pulling together \$9,576.50 for heart and stroke research. Eleven teams participated in the event, raising money and riding the Big Bike around Haliburton and Minden on May 22.

Emily Eagleson, area coordinator for the event, said the money helps the foundation achieve its impact goals, which include reducing risk of heart disease and stroke by 10 per cent by 2020.

"The money donated ensures we continue to provide support, helping Canadians to live longer, fuller, healthier lives," she said.

Around 70 riders participated.

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The Heart and Stroke foundation's Big Bike rolled through Haliburton and Minden on May 22.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN FEES UNDER BY-LAW NO. 09-31 – BUILDING BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992 empowers Council to pass certain by-laws respecting construction, demolition, change of use, permits, fees and inspections. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on June 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, to incorporate Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code related to On-Site Sewage Systems as well as raise additional fees

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may attend the meeting, or submit in writing, in support of or objection to the By-law setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons of the objection.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the by-law is to amend By-law 09-31 with new fees under the Building By-law to incorporate Part 8 of the Building Code which addresses On-Site Sewage Systems. The amended by-law will include the definition of a sewage system, and permit fees for the administration and inspections of the sewage systems. Other fees levied under the Building By-law are also proposed to be increased.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review by contacting the Building Department during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or in person at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.



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FREE TRIAL of ASHTANGA YOGA, Mon. 7 p.m. & Fri. 9:30 a.m. at the West Guildford Community Centre. It's not what you think, try it & see! www.yoga-north.ca. (MA29)

NOTICES



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Temporary/Seasonal Food and Beverage Concession Stand at the

Haliburton-Stanhope Airport

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting detailed proposals from individuals and food service professionals to provide temporary/seasonal Food and Beverage Concession Stand services utilizing the existing author facility at the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport for the 2014 summer season.

CLOSNIG DATE: Friday, June 6, 2014 at 300 p.m.

Sealed proposals plainly marked: "Temporary/Seasonal Food and Beverage Concession Stand at the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport – RFP #2014-004" should be submitted to the name and address noted below.

Electronic or fax submissions will not be accepted. Complete RFP documents can be found at www.algorqui.nhighlands.ca.

For further information, please call 705-489-2379.

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Freda Norman (nee Maynard)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Extendicare Haliburton, on Monday evening, February 3, 2014 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Murray Norman. Predeceased by her son Murray (1978), sisters Doreen and Kathleen and her brothers Don and Paul. Dearly missed by her close friends Christine, Joan C, Joan J, and Joan Mac. Also fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews and other friends. Freda was very social and enjoyed many activities including cards,

curling, her involvement with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and FIRA, when Murray and Freda lived on Percy and Haliburton Lakes.

Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 11:30 AM. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209. As expressions of sympathy donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the charity of your choice would

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Highlander events



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Seven-year-old Lillian Ramsdale supported the Food for Kids charity with her brother, four-year-old Winston.

Food for Kids charity BBQ raises \$3,000

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Haliburton County's students will be well-fed at school thanks in part to the \$3,000 raised over the weekend for Food for Kids.

The Food for Kids student nutrition program charity barbecue took place at Sears in Haliburton on May 24. The event included musical entertainment by Gord Kidd, and a draw for prizes, including a lawnmower and a week at Camp Medeba.

According to Aaron Walker, county coordinator for the Food for Kids program, there's no doubt some kids in Haliburton

County are going to school with little to no breakfast.

Some kids in area schools eat more than one serving of the food provided by the Food for Kids student nutrition program. Some stash food in their lockers for later.

"I get to see firsthand what's happening around our community," said Walker. "There are a lot of kids who are obviously very hungry."

Long bus rides and busy mornings are just two reasons why some local kids are in need of the healthy snacks and breakfasts provided by the student nutrition program.

More than 60 volunteers around the county

run it. They help prepare and serve food for approximately 2,200 children and youth at seven area high schools, five days a week. The program is subsidized in part by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, as well as national grants.

Walker said the long winter has put funding for the Food for Kids program in jeopardy, and so the community is stepping in.

"This community is so generous, but it's also like biting off your hand to feed yourself," said Walker.

"It used to be we only visited the schools three days a week out of five, but if the kids are hungry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, obviously they're hungry on Tuesday and Thursday as well."

The Food for Kids program has grown, but funding hasn't, and so Walker said coordinators are seeking more sustainable funding.

The program's steering committee plans to approach council with a delegation seeking assistance, but in the meantime it relies on the community to help supplement funds.

At the busy barbecue, Walker was quick to thank Adrian and Wendy Vargas of Sears, the Rotary Club for a \$600 donation, Point in Time for their continued support and Gord Kidd for playing at the event as well as making a donation to the program.

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Thursday 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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Contact the Cardiff Municipal Office for more information (613) 339-2443

Plants snapped up quickly at Minden Horticultural sale

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

If you weren't at the Village Green on Bobcaygeon Street within an hour of the Minden Horticultural Society's annual plant sale opening on May 24, it's likely you left empty-handed.

A line of interested gardeners formed before the sale opened, and some customers were browsing as plants were still being priced. Despite having a vast selection of locally grown plants, herbs and flowers, traditionally the fundraising event is sold out within an hour – or even fifteen minutes. This year was no different.

"I worry every year to make sure there's enough," said plant sale coordinator and Horticultural Society member Rose Paliwoda. Paliwoda was one of about 15 members

of the Horticultural Society who were busy ensuring everything was just right before opening to the public. This meant they were turning plants toward the sun, determining the price of some potted herbs and in one case, trying to guess the name of a donated plant.

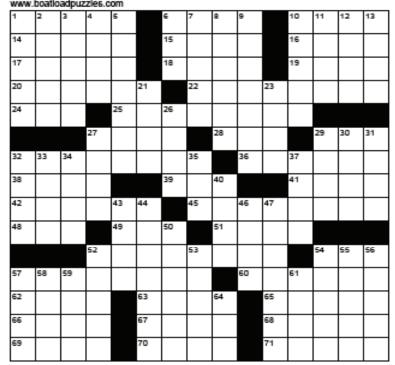
First-time plant customer Crystal Klepeis of Minden was at the sale early.

"I heard the sale was happening and I need a lot of plants," she said. "It's my first time here, and I'm going to buy lots."

The sale, which has taken place annually for more than 20 years, generally raises around \$600 for the Horticultural Society. Another plant sale will take place next weekend on behalf of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners Association. Members of the Minden Horticultural Society will be around the downtown core on June 9 when they beautify the town with flowers.

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MAY & JUNE 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY

Ceramics for your garden workshop -The Art Hive, 7-9 p.m., \$35.

Haliburton Ladies -Auxiliary meeting, 1 p.m. Seniors standing balance exercise Minden Hosptial, every Thursday, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY The 36th annual

Haliburton Home & Cottage show begins today and ends Sunday

Trinkets & treasures with Erin Lynch - The

Art Hive, 10-12 p.m.

SATURDAY

Haliburton County Master Gardeners plant sale - Minden Village Green, 10-12 p.m. Send your not for profit community event to

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MONDAY

Table tennis - Minden Community Centre, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$3

TUESDAY Seniors standing balance exercise class - Minden Hospital, every

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Sweet Alibi in concert Northern Lights Pavilion, 7:30 p.m.

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Centre, 9-2 p.m

MONDAY

meeting at 10 a.m.

Craft sale – West Guilford Community

Country music jamboree - S.G. Nesbitt

Arena, 1-5 p.m

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild - Stanhope Community Centre, 1

MAY 8-14, 2014

Minden Branch (705-286-4541)

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meal draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.

Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. The Highlands Trio, June 7th, 4-7 p.m.

Blue Brothers Tribute, June 14th

Lunch menu, Monday - Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone

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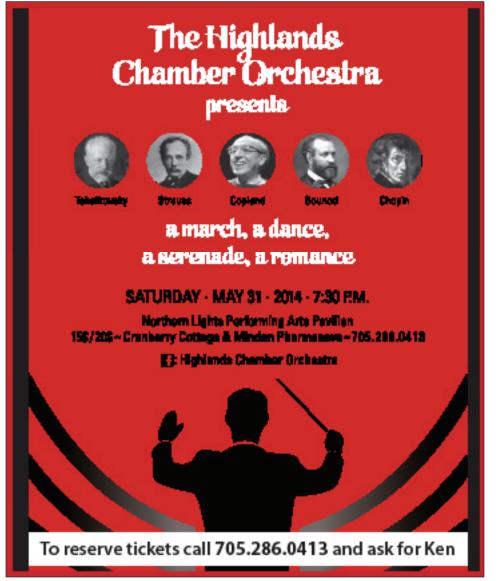
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What's on



The 2013 Haliburton Home and Cottage Show.

Avoid bugs, improve your homestead by professionals, but ours is very much a

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

The best way to avoid blackflies is to get into the 36th annual Haliburton Home and Cottage Show happening this weekend.

That's the advice of Haliburton Curling Club president Rick Ashall, who spoke to the Highlander about the show while organizers were busy setting up what he calls the "biggest and best home and cottage show in Central Ontario." Though he couldn't promise complete reprieve, he said generally there are fewer bugs at the show than on the lake.

The show takes place at the AJ LaRue arena and the Haliburton Curling Club. About 150 exhibitors from around Ontario will be showing off their goods and services during the weekend-long event.

Greg Box is one such exhibitor, and has been for over 20 years.

"It's a good show, both friendly and easy-

going," said Box.

As the owner of Riverview Furniture in Minden, Box uses the show as an opportunity to reach out to local customers as well as seasonal residents who visit the area. He said it's a good opportunity for show-goers to see a variety of products.

Ashall said it's also a chance to ask different providers about what they offer or recommend.

"The largest benefit for customers at the show is how simple and easy it is to get in touch with many different businesses over a short time for a variety of reasons," said Greg Brown of Greg Brown Construction. "It can become a fairly close relationship over the course of a large building project and the Home and Cottage Show is a great place to meet multiple vendors in the same industry before making a decision."

Brown has been attending the show since the 1980s, and now brings his three sons along to

"We meet plenty of new and old cottagers with projects they want done, but the real joy comes when we can catch up with other companies in the area that we are not able to see too often since everyone is so busy," he

By Sunday afternoon, Brown said the only thing everyone is looking forward to is getting off their feet after standing all weekend.

"[There's] a lot of standing, talking, chatting, followed by more talking and even more standing," he said. "It may not sound exciting at first, but myself and my three boys really enjoy it."

About 1,800 to 2,500 people visit the show, which is advertised in local media, throughout Muskoka and in the Toronto Star. Eighty volunteers help to organize the show over the

"It's a big undertaking," Ashall said of the event. "Most home shows are run

community event." Visitors to the show will be able to chat with exhibitors involved with all aspects of home and cottage life, including boating, docks, real estate, maintenance and automobiles.

"It covers the whole spectrum, and it's a good opportunity to see what is available within – and even outside of – Haliburton County."

The Curling Club helps to provide a café and BBQ for show goers who need to take a break, with hot dogs, sausages and beef on a bun offered at reasonable prices.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage show takes place on Friday, May 30 from 4-9, Saturday, May 31 from 10-5 and Sunday, June 1 from 10 – 4. Admission price is \$3 for adults and the show is free for kids under 12. Parking is also free. For more information, visit http://www. haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com.



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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Rotundo rocked The Dominion on May 24.

Blues harpist brings joy to Minden

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Bobcaygeon Road was packed with cars and the crowd was full of energy when blues harpist David Rotundo and his band played the last concert of the Canadian Blues Series on May 24.

Music fans spilled out of the Dominion Hotel's main lounge and onto the patio, while some took photos of the band from outside the open garage door. Original music as well as covers, including The Beatles' Taxman, could be heard throughout the downtown area. Rotundo's energy had the crowd dancing in their seats and laughing along with his stories.

The Dominion Hotel will announce a summer line-up of live music soon.

For a video of Rotundo's performance, visit TheHighlanderOnline.ca



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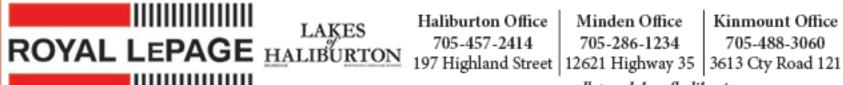
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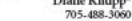
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4 SEASON RETREAT \$449,900



- 3+1 b drm, 2 bath, 1,800 sq ft of living space
- Expensive views, clean shoreline
- Fully finished lower level walk-out
- Year round access at the end of the laneway Limited maintenance home and yard.

SPECTACULAR \$499,900



- 4 bedroom Viceroy
- Expansive western sunset views
- Bright open concept
- Dine flooring, gas fireplace, skylights and

STORMY LAKE \$350,000



- · Newly renovated 3 bedroom
- · 139 feet of southeast exposure
- Year round access
- Borders 40 acres of Crown land Good fishing and beating





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- 3 bedroom, i bath, wintertzed cottage
- 100.65 feet of sand frontage Year round municipal dead end road access
- Cathedral callings, wrap around deciding Comes furnished and ready to enjoy



- · Walk to town and all amenities
- Double attached garage, nice dacking Lower level rec room with walkout
- 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 3,000 sq ft of living space
- Year round access on cul de sac

RIVERFRONT ACERAGE \$139,900



- 3 bedroom home/cottage on Barry Line Road
- 4.54 acres with 1,867 feet of river frontage
- Built in 2007

Fantastic building lot

Septic already installed

Super southern exposure

Call Chris for more details?



- 2,200 square foot, 6 bedroom, beautifully renovated bone on a Large riverfront let connecting 2 labor. Headwood floors, ricenfreplace, garage, bonthouse and a storage building. Call merics a complete list of upgrades including decks, windows, insulation and more.



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OTTER LAKE \$459,900



- Year round waterfront home or cottage Open concept 3+2 bedrooms, attractive freplace,
- full walk-out basement Peace and tranquility on a no motor lake

Nicely treed 8.84 acre lot with 3.79 fact of frontage

PARADISE LAKE \$199,900



- Cuts and cozy open concept, 2 bdrm cottage Newly renovated, new septic and shingles
- Level lot with wade in sand shoreline South exposure, year round rd, good fishing Just minutes to the Village of Haliburton

BRADY LAKE \$179,900





CENTRALLY LOCATED \$167,500



3 bedroom, open floor plan
Deep lot, wide dack on the front of the house

Close to many trail systems, public boat

launches and swimming areas



ext 223



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PINE LOG HOME - \$474,900 · 3 bedroom, 2

bath, 1978 sq ft living space • 110 feet clean deep shoreline Sunset view ower 2 lake chain · Cathedral cell-

ing, full walkout

municipal access

basement

Year round

PRIVACY PLUS \$329,900



· 2 bdrm, i bath, 1,324 sq ft home/cottage

River rock floor to calling fireplace

- 340 feet of natural shoreline
- Expensive view of the lake and Crown Land. · Wrap around decking, dock area

NEAT AS A PIN \$334,900



- 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1,390 sq ft of living space
- 203 ft of frontage on a double lot, 1.02 acres Floating dock system, lakeside bunkie
- Detached garage, detached workshop/shed. . Close to town and all amenities
- · 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1,507 square feet
 - Flat lot with sandy shoreline 475 square feet of tiered decking
- · Central vacuum, het tub, family room

Detached garage and bunide



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